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SUBJECT: REDUCTION IN MAAG

REF: (A) SEOUL 1696; (B) TAIPEI 1538

1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT CINCPAC DIRECTIVE IS
A STEP IN DOD PLANNING PROCESS FOR USE IN WORLDWIDE
REDUCTION OF U.S. MAAG PRESENCE OVERSEAS IN EVENT SECUR-
ITY ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION NOW IN COMMITTEE IS ENACTED
WITH LANGUAGE OF SENATE BILL S2662. DIRECTIVE IS VIEWED
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BY DOD AS OPPORTUNITY FOR FIELD TO PROVIDE INPUT FOR

FURTHER EVALUATION RATHER THAN RIGID FIAT.

2. FYI: JCS HAS BEEN ASKED TO COME UP WITH PRIORITY LISTING OF 10 TO 20 MAAGS TO FACILITATE COMPLETE DISESTABLISHMENT OF AT LEAST 10 BY JUNE 30, CONTINGENT ON BILL'S PASSAGE. JCS ALSO ASKED TO IDENTIFY TOTAL OF 222 MAAG POSITIONS FOR ELIMINATION (INCLUSIVE OF THOSE IN DISESTABLISHED MAAGS) WITH INDICATION THAT MAJOR REDUCTIONS BE MADE IN KOREA AND THAILAND.

3. PM IS MONITORING THIS EXERCISE TO ENSURE THAT DEPARTMENT'S INTERESTS MET. HOWEVER, REALISTICALLY SPEAKING, LARGE MAAGS IN EA WILL HAVE TO FACE PROSPECT OF PROBABLE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS THIS YEAR. END FYI. KISSINGER

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